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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: AGENDA ITEM 5, REPORT OF INTER-
NATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTION

REF: GENEVA 5696, 5824

1. DEPARTMENT'S REPLY TO USDEL'S REQUEST RE WCIWY SEVERELY
HAMPERED BY LACK OF DOCUMENTATION. INASMUCH AS E/5725 WAS
NOT DISTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENTS AND THE DOCUMENT IS NOT YET
AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK USDEL IS INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT WITH
FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS AND WITH THE CHAIRMAN TO SUGGEST A
DECISION BY ECOSOC TO TAKE NOTE OF THE WORK OF THE WORLD
CONFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AND TO POSTPONE
ACTION ON THE REPORT UNTIL THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. HOWEVER, IF A MAJORITY OF DELEGATIONS ARE DISPOSED TO
CONSIDER DOCUMENT E/5725 AT THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE
ECOSOC THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THE
USDEL IN CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS.
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COMMENTS BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED BY USUN-NY AND
FROM UN SECRETARIAT-NY ON INFORMAL BASIS.

3. DECLARATION OF MEXICO: PASSED BY A VOTE OF 89-2(US,

ISRAEL)-18. THE US VOTE AGAINST THE DECLARATION WAS BASED ON UNACCEPTABLE REFERENCES TO ZIONISM, CERDS, THE NIEO, AND ON UNWILLINGNESS OF THE DECLARATION SPONSORS TO

NEGOTIATE ANY OF THE LANGUAGE OF THE TEXT. DEL SHOULD VOTE AGAINST THE DECLARATION AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED.

4. WORLD PLAN OF ACTION: THE US SUPPORTED THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION AND ACCEPTED COMMITTEE REVISIONS IN THE INTRODUCTION AND IN CHAPTER I. IT ALSO SUPPORTED A RECOMMENDATION IN COMMITTEE TO ALLOW CHAPTERS II THROUGH VI TO REMAIN UNCHANGED AND TO REJECT A LARGE NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS FOR THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF THE PLAN. THE PLAN WAS APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE. USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT PLAN WITHOUT CHANGE.

5. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS OFFERED ON CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO IN E/5725:

RESOLUTION 1. RESEARCH AND TRAINING FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN AFRICA. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 2. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION UNDER PROJECTS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 3. STATUS OF WOMEN IN SOUTH AFRICA. NAMIBIA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE ALTHOUGH THE CHAIRMAN HAD CALLED FOR A VOTE. THE CHAIRMAN'S DECISION WAS PROTESTED BY 10 COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE US. IN ITS STATEMENT OF PROTEST THE US EXPLAINED THAT OPERATIVE PARAS WERE OBJECTIONABLE: PARA 4 - FOR THE ASPECT OF SANCTIONS; PARA 8(B) FOR PROPOSING INTERVENTION IN THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS; AND PARA 8(D) FOR ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE CONTROLS ON THE MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS.

RESOLUTION 4. WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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WOMEN'S YEAR (WORLD PLAN O ACTION). APPROVED BY VOTE OF 90(US)-0-11(SOVIET BLOC). COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OBJECTED TO OPERATIVE PARAS 2 AND 3 AND ATTEMPTED TO HAVE BOTH DELETED IN A PRELIMINARY UNSUCCESSFUL VOTE 82(US)-9-6. USDEL SHOULD BE ALERT TO CONTINUING SOVIET EFFORTS TO THWART IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION AND DEFEND THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION 5. WOMEN AND HEALTH. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 97(US)-0-2.

RESOLUTION 6. PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AND IN THE OTHER MEETINGS OF THE DIFFERENT BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. 85-0-13(US). THE US ABSTAINED ON THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF UNACCEPTABLE REFERENCES TO THE CERDS AND NIEO IN PREAMBULAR PARA 5.

RESOLUTION 7. PREVENTION OF THE EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 8. THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN THE EMPLOY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THIS RESOLUTION WAS A US INITIATIVE. IT WAS APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 9. PROTECTION OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 10. ACCESS OF WOMEN TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 11. RESEARCH ON POPULATION AND THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 12. SPECIAL RESOURCES FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 13. SOCIAL SECURITY AND FAMILY SECURITY FOR WOMEN INCLUDING THE ELDERLY AND THE HANDICAPPED. 91-0-14 (US). THE US ABSTAINED FROM THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF REFERENCES IN OPERATIVE PARA 2 THAT DEFINES MATERNITY AS UNCLASSIFIED

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A SOCIAL FUNCTION.

RESOLUTION 14. RESEARCH FOR THE FORMULATION OF POLICIES CONCERNING THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 15. FAMILY PLANNING AND THE FULL INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT. 77(US)-4-15.

RESOLUTION 16. POPULAR PARTICIPATION. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 17. THE FAMILY. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 18. POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PARTICIPATION. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 19. WOMEN AND COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 20. INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT. 90-6(US)-13. THE US FOUND REFERENCES TO CERDS IN PREAMBULAR

PARAS 4 AND 5 AND TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT IN
OP PARA 5 UNACCEPTABLE.

RESOLUTION 21. CONDITION OF WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS. 56-0-
8(US). THE LAST PREAMBULAR PARA CONTAINS REFERENCES TO
CERDS THAT ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE US.

RESOLUTION 22. WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT. 80(US)-3-13.
(RESOLUTION OF THE HOLY SEE)

RESOLUTION 23. REVISION AND EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL
STANDARDS CLASSIFICATION OF OCCUPATIONS. APPROVED WITHOUT
VOTE.

RESOLUTION 24. EDUCATION AND TRAINING. APPROVED WITHOUT
VOTE.

RESOLUTION 25. EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN AND ELIMINA-
TION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN. APPROVED WITHOUT
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VOTE.

RESOLUTION 26. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 27. MEASURES FOR THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN
DEVELOPMENT. APPROVED WITHOUT VOTE.

RESOLUTION 28. WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PROMOTING WORLD
PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. APPROVED WITHOUT
VOTE.

RESOLUTION 29. WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STRENGTHENING
OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND IN THE STRUGGLE
AGAINST COLONIALISM, RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND
FOREIGN DOMINATION. VOTE 75-2(US)-22. REFERENCES TO THE
CERDS AND GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT ARE UNACCEPTABLE
TO THE US IN OPERATIVE PARAS OF RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION 30. QUESTION OF THE PANAMANIAN TERRITORY CALLED
THE "CANAL ZONE". US ABSTAINED ON THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE
IT WAS GENERALLY UNACCEPTABLE. 58-0-337)

RESOLUTION 31. WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE
THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. US
SPONSORED RESOLUTION. APPROVED BY VOTE OF 32(US)-0-0.

RESOLUTION 32. PALESTINIAN AND ARAB WOMEN. 66-3(US)-35.
THE RESOLUTION WAS UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE OF REFERENCES TO
ZIONISM IN THE PREAMBULAR AND OPERATIVE PARAS AND BECAUSE
OF REFERENCES TO FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY
ISRAEL.

RESOLUTION 33. AID TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. APPROVED BY
VOTE OF 94-0 6(US).

RESOLUTION 34. THE SITUATION OF WOMEN IN CHILE. APPROVED
WITHOUT VOTE. HOWEVER THE US NOTED FOR THE RECORD THAT
HAD A VOTE BEEN TAKEN THEY WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED.

RESOLUTION 35. EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO PRESIDENT
ECHEVERRIA OF MEXICO.
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RECOMMENDATION FOR CONVENING OF A SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE
IN 1980 CONCLUDES DRAFT REPORT AVAILABLE IN UN SECRETARIAT
AND READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE CONFERENCE DECIDED TO RECOMMEND
THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UN AT ITS 30TH SESSION
SHOULD CONSIDER THE CONVENING OF ANOTHER WORLD CONFERENCE
IN 1980." THIS SOMEWHAT ANOMOLOUS DECISION MADE IN CLOSING
HOURS OF CONFERENCE WAS THE CONFERENCE'S RESPONSE TO A
VERBAL SUGGESTION BY PRINCESS ASHRAF MADE IN CLOSING
HOURS OF PLENARY. SINCE RECOMMENDATION IS DIRECTED TO
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, USDEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO PREVENT SUB-
STANTIVE DISCUSSION IN ECOSOC OF ITS MERITS. (THERE ARE
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES E.G. FINANCIAL ISSUES, COMPOSITION OF
DELEGATION WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN THOUGHT OUT.)
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